

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. A new Claim 27 has been added to recite subject matter canceled from Claim 12.

An early examination of Claims 1 to 27 is earnestly solicited.

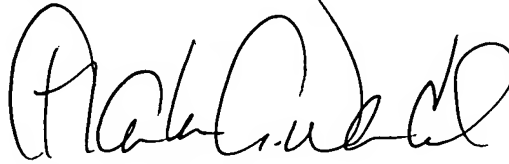
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